

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-32 are of record.

The Specification has been amended to somewhat revise the listing of the various technical publications. The Examiner's suggestion to remove the publications because they appear in the Information Disclosure Statement has not been adopted. Removal of the publications adversely affects the flow of the Specification and the understanding of the invention. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner accept the amendments as now made.

The requirement to label Fig. 1 of the drawings as PRIOR ART is respectfully traversed. Reference is made to page 12, lines 13-15 of the Specification, which describes the verification processor 22 of Fig. 1. This is not a generic device but is one that is specially configured to perform the novel methods of the invention. Therefore, it would not be proper to label Fig. 1 as PRIOR ART.

Submitted herewith is a Declaration of the inventors Daniel Geist, Orna Grumberg and Sagi Katz showing that the listed date of December 27, 1998 on the paper entitled *Have I Written Enough Properties? - Method of Comparison Between Specification and Implementation* (hereinafter Katz et al.) and listed as Item 8 in the Other Art section of the Information Disclosure Statement submitted on September 26, 2000 is not correct. The paper was not made available to the public until September 25, 1999. A fair reading of the Declaration leads to the conclusion that the earlier date of December 27, 1998 was erroneously used when working from the earlier copy of the paper submitted to the attorneys who prepared the application and provided the information for the Information Disclosure Statement.

Enclosed is a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement that makes the necessary correction to the date of the Katz et al. publication to September 25, 1999. It is respectfully requested that this be accepted.

Claims 1-32 stand rejected over the Katz et al. publication. As the Examiner notes (Paragraph 3 of the Office Action), the effective priority date of the subject application is September 23, 1999. Since this date is before the September 25, 1999 publication date of the Katz et al.

publication, such publication is not an effective prior art reference. Therefore, the rejection of claims 1-32 over Katz et al. fails.


The other art cited has been considered and is not deemed to be pertinent to the subject matter of the claims. Therefore, all of the claims should be allowed.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

Prompt and favorable action is requested.

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